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Preface

This encyclopaedic dictionary is a careful attempt to deal with the terms and concepts used in every area of sociology, and to related terms in psychology, economics, political science and anthropology. This has been added to provide students of sociology at all levels with a handy and reliable source for the entries which range from bureaucracy to critical theory, epistemology to gender and suicide to working class conservation. Entries have been taken from sociology, sociological research, social interaction, social systems, society, culture, sex roles and orientation, social groups, collective behaviour, social stratification, religion, social control, models of society, etc. It is to be noted that this dictionary does not set out to be a comprehensive or a definitive work of scholarship, e.g. it is relatively little concerned with the complex etymologies of terms or to convey all usages. Rather its main function is to function as a study aid.

The presentation throughout has been aimed at sustaining the interest of readers while enriching their vocabulary and comprehension of technical terms and expressions.

Every effort has been carefully made to entries in a clear and lucid style to provide both straight forward definitions and invaluable background information.

When a dictionary of this kind is using compiled, it becomes essential to draw upon the work of many authorities and seek the advice of colleagues to all of whom the editor is deeply indebted.

Finally the editor expresses his sincere thanks to the publishers and printer for printing the book promptly.

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